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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: IMAGE HEATING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE USING THE SAME

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
b. ☒ was filed on February 1, 2002 as application serial no. 10/066,035 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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heat-generating member comprising a magnetic layer; a magnetization member for magnetizing said heat-generating member with an alternating magnetic field, which is arranged in opposition to said heat-generating member; a nip portion for heating a recording material that carries a toner image with heat from said heat-generating member, while the recording material is being conveyed along said nip portion; and a movable film that is separated from the heat generating member, the nip portion being formed between a pressure roller and the movable film; wherein the heat-generating member contacts a contact part of the movable film and is arranged so as to be opposed to the magnetization member at a different position from that of the nip portion, and transmits generated heat to the movable film at the contact part. I confirm that all errors being corrected in the reissue application were made without any deceptive intent.

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§ 1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

- (1) prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and
 - (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.
- (b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and
- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a *prima facie* case of unpatentability of a claim; or
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- (c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:
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- (d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.
- (e) In any continuation-in-part application, the duty under this section includes the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

Identification of Error:

I believe that the original patent, upon which the present reissue is based, may be partially inoperative for failing to claim all that the inventors were entitled to claim. The granted claims may not adequately reflect the aspect of the invention disclosed at column 21, line 50 to column 22, line 25, and column 23, lines 5-45, as now reflected in new claim 35 which reads: An image heating device comprising: a

heat-generating member comprising a magnetic layer; a magnetization member for magnetizing said heat-generating member with an alternating magnetic field, which is arranged in opposition to said heat-generating member; a nip portion for heating a recording material that carries a toner image with heat from said heat-generating member, while the recording material is being conveyed along said nip portion; and a movable film that is separated from the heat generating member, the nip portion being formed between a pressure roller and the movable film; wherein the heat-generating member contacts a contact part of the movable film and is arranged so as to be opposed to the magnetization member at a different position from that of the nip portion, and transmits generated heat to the movable film at the contact part. I confirm that all errors being corrected in the reissue application were made without any deceptive intent.

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